



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN

COUNCIL MINUTES

MEETING NO. FIFTEEN

November 23, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Township Administration Building

318 Canborough Street, Smithville, Ontario

Council: Mayor Dave Bylsma
Councillor Cheryl Ganann
Councillor Harold Jonker
Councillor Mike Rehner
Councillor William Reilly
Councillor Jason Trombetta

Staff: Joanne Scime, Clerk
Bev Hendry, CAO

Others: Regional Councillor Albert Witteveen
Nickolas Fearn, Niagara This Week
Shelley Bradaric
Roberta Keith, IT Manager

Prior to proceeding with the Council meeting, Mayor Bylsma announced the following:

1. Due to efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to protect all individuals, the Council Chambers will not be open to the public to attend Council Meetings until further notice.
2. As noted on tonight's agenda, if Members of the Public had any comments, they could provide them by email to the Clerk by 4:30 pm today. Please note that any email comments submitted will be considered as public information and read into public record later in the agenda.
3. A reminder that Members of the Public could attend this evening's Council meeting virtually. This was noted on this evening's agenda and could have been done by contacting the Clerk by email prior to 4:30 p.m. today to request a Zoom invitation to the meeting; and,
4. This meeting is being audio and video recorded and will be posted on the Township's web site within 48 hours.

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1. SINGING OF "O CANADA"

2. OPENING PETITION - Councillor Jason Trombetta

3. CHANGE IN ORDER OF ITEMS ON AGENDA

There were no changes in order of items on the agenda.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest and/or conflicts of interest declared by any Member of Council present.

5. REQUEST TO ADDRESS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no members of the public virtually present on the Zoom meeting call that noted they wished to address a specific item on the agenda. Additionally, the Clerk stated that there were no emails received from any member of the public with respect to any items on the agenda as permitted by Section 6.7 of the Procedural By-law.

6. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

There were no appointments/presentations.

7. REGIONAL COUNCILLOR'S REMARKS

Regional Councillor Albert Witteveen read from a prepared statement which is attached as **Schedule "A"** to the minutes. Regional Councillor Witteveen provided an update on various Niagara Region issues/initiatives that had occurred over the past couple of weeks, which included highlights of issues discussed at the Region's Corporate Services Committee meeting, the Region's Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting, the Region's Public Works Committee meeting and the Region's Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting. Regional Councillor Witteveen provided an update with respect to regional funding for the new West Lincoln Memorial Hospital and noted that at the November 9, 2020 Corporate Services Committee meeting, a presentation was made by The Boulevard Strategy Group regarding a proposed funding model for the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital and future hospital funding requests within Niagara. Regional Councillor Witteveen noted that the members of the committee supported the policy and forwarded the funding request to the Region's 2021 capital budget for consideration which represented 21% of the local share or 12.6 million dollars. Regional Councillor Witteveen stated that policy was supported by the majority of Regional Council and was referred to staff to report back with a fair and equitable funding matrix and formula for West

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Niagara Hospital which would also set a funding model for future requests of this nature.

Regional Councillor Witteveen addressed questions and concerns brought forwarded by Members of Council including but not limited to the following:

- (1) Statistics for the Regional NRT On-Demand pilot project and what the expected costs are expected to be for municipalities and riders in 2021 for this service as well as better communication on the service for our residents regarding the service that they have access to.
- (2) Update on the Region's housing pilot project for homeless individuals in the community and that this project was proving to be helping.

In response to Councillor Ganann's inquiry regarding the Township's user statistics of the Region's NRT On-Demand pilot project, Regional Councillor suggested that staff could contact Niagara Region staff and invite them to a Council or Committee meeting in January or February, prior to budget deliberations, to provide an update on the project.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 8.1 Council Minutes
Re: October 26, 2020

Moved By Councillor Cheryl Ganann
Seconded By Councillor Harold Jonker

That, the minutes of the October 26, 2020 regular Council meeting be accepted.

Carried

- 8.2 Public Meeting Under the Planning Act
Re: Minutes of November 9, 2020

Moved By Councillor Harold Jonker
Seconded By Councillor Cheryl Ganann

That, the minutes of the public meeting held on November 9, 2020 under Section 17 of the Planning Act, with respect to:

- (a) Official Plan Amendment - Township of West Lincoln - Spring Creek Heights Secondary Plan (Draft Amendment No. 57);
be accepted.

Carried

9. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

10. MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Bylsma stated that he and the Fire Chief attended the Smithville Legion's Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11, 2020 that hosted approximately 50 invited individuals. Mayor Bylsma stated both he and Fire Chief Fisher laid wreaths during the ceremony which included a small luncheon afterwards. Mayor Bylsma stated that there were some people that could not stay away and attended by standing along the outside edge of the cenotaph and property.

In addition to Regional Councillor Witteveen's update on West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Mayor Bylsma stated that he and the CAO attended another four meetings which included discussion relating to the upcoming presentation to Niagara Region. Mayor Bylsma stated that he could not say enough about the Hospital Foundation and the leadership of campaign team, Andrew Smith, Kevin Antonides, Pam Ellens as well the work of Councillor Ganann on the citizen's committee for the foundation and the many others working very hard behind the scenes attending meetings, gathering facts and data in order to secure regional funding and he was looking forward to moving forward towards the construction of the new hospital in 2021.

Councillor Reilly noted that on social media there were many concerns voiced regarding the number of vehicles that had pulled over along St. Catharines Street (near the Legion) to pay their respects during the Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11th and he suggested that next year perhaps the Legion should contact the Region to either provide a detour around town and/or provide traffic control measures to alleviate the traffic congestion that was caused by the number of vehicles that had pulled over to look from a distance.

11. REPORT OF COMMITTEE

11.1 Planning/Building/Environmental Committee
Re: Minutes of November 9, 2020

Moved By Councillor Cheryl Ganann
Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

That, the minutes of the open session portion of the November 9, 2020 Planning/ Building/Environmental Committee meeting, be accepted, and the recommendations contained therein, be approved; and,

That, the confidential minutes relating to the closed session portion of the November 9, 2020 Planning/Building/ Environmental Committee meeting be accepted; and that the minutes remain confidential and restricted from

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public disclosure in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act.

Carried

11.2 Administration/Finance/Fire Committee

Re: Minutes of November 16, 2020

Moved By Councillor Mike Rehner

Seconded By Councillor Harold Jonker

That, the minutes of the Administration/Finance/Fire Committee meeting held on November 16, 2020 be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

Carried

12. RECONSIDERATION

There were no items put forward for reconsideration.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND

There were no Members of Council in attendance that served notice of motion to rescind.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Members of Council

Re: Council Remarks

There were no Member of Council's remarks provided.

15. NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no new items of business brought forward by any Member of Council present.

16. BY-LAWS

Moved By Councillor William Reilly

Seconded By Councillor Jason Trombetta

That, leave be granted to introduce By-laws # 2020-108, 2020-109, 2020-110 and 2020-111; and,

That the same shall be considered to have been read a first, second, and third time with one reading, and are hereby adopted; and,

That, the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign and affix the Corporate Seal thereto, any rule of this Council to the contrary notwithstanding.

Carried

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SUMMARY OF BY-LAWS:

16.1 BY-LAW 2020-108

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln at its regular meeting held on the 26th day of October, 2020

16.2 BY-LAW 2020-109

A By-law to appoint a Secretary-Treasurer and an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer to the Committee of Adjustment for the Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln. (Meghan Birbeck)

16.3 BY-LAW 2020-110

Being a By-law to amend By-law 89-2000 which regulated Traffic and Parking on Township Roads - No Parking Gateway

16.4 BY-LAW 2020-111

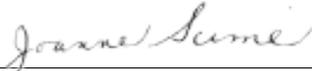
A By-law to authorize a Front Ending Agreement with RVL Contracting Inc. for the construction of Street and Sidewalk Improvements on Spring Creek Road between Hornak Road and Station Street, in the former Township of South Grimsby; Township of West Lincoln

17. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

There were no confidential matters.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:33 p.m.



JOANNE SCIME, CLERK

MAYOR DAVE BYLSMA

SCHEDULE "A" TO THE NOVEMBER 23, 2020 COUNCIL MINUTES

Regional Councillor Witteveen's report: November 23 2020

Good evening Mayor, members of council, staff and the public.

This evening I would like to start by giving you my regular committee updates on my involvement at the Region this month.

On November 9th myself and the Mayor attended the corporate services meeting as there was a presentation by the Boulevard Strategy group proposing a funding model for the West Lincoln Hospital and for future Hospital funding request into the future of Niagara. This policy is an import part of the funding request for West Niagara. Discussion took place on the importance of this shovel ready project. The committee supported to direct the policy and request to the Capital budget for the funding request. As you know our request was 21 % of the local share amounting to 12.6 million. Later in November when presented to council the policy was supported by the majority of council and now will be in the hands of staff to find fair and equitable matrix's and formula for West Niagara Hospital and set a precedence for future request of this nature. We have jumped one hurdle to then continue the hard work in seeing this important project come to fruition. I want to thank our Mayor and our staff for the hard work and dedication on this file.

Later in the day I attended the Planning & Economic Development

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meeting. We were given an update on the Glendale District Plan and its process for public consultation. We were given and Economic update by staff giving us some high level information on what is driving the Niagara economy. Residential and commercial growth were the main drivers in Niagara and looks like this will be the case for many years to come as demand has increased to provincial averages. This of course create challenges for the Niagara Region in keeping up with infrastructure demand mainly in the waste water division.

The following day on Nov 10th I attended the Public Works meeting and the highlights were the presentation on the Final draft for producer responsibility for recyclables. So the producers are to maintain the same collection, service types, standards and level as delivered by local municipal programs until Dec 31, 2025. Producers also have the option after this time period to set-up depot collection but must provide similar operating hours as being provide now by municipal systems. Final regulations will have to be completed by Dec 31/ 2022. We had a quick update by the Niagara Region Transit On-Demand Pilot. We all know that it was launched on August 17 of this year and the ridership from Aug 17 to Oct 4 for West Lincoln 319 trips with 347 riders. The service is being fully utilized in its operating hours of 7am to 10 pm. To date this pilot has

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had great up take from our residences and I look forward to the results of the pilot for next steps for West Lincoln.

Later that day I attended the Public Health and Social services meeting where we had a presentation on Built for Zero initiative on Homelessness services talking about a Shelter Pilot. The objectives were to develop a By Name list of all known individuals. 2 to establish a coordinated access system that standardizes for intake, assessment, referral, and prioritize services in a community. By-Name list is very critical to ending chronic homelessness. It is a real time record of all individuals. The program consists of 14 bed housing focused shelter pilot has has 27 intakes to date, with 13 exit to permanent housing. As of Nov 1,2020 the inflow has been 66 individuals with an outflow of 52 individuals. The total active cases are 320 which need to be addressed and solved. This model is being shared to other public health agencies in the province as a model to end homelessness. The pilot program has been extended and is being supported through provincial and federal funding. We should be proud of this initiative as our staff have become leaders in this project.

Thank-you for allowing me to update you on the work that the Niagara Region is doing for our residences. If you have and questions at this time
Councillor Witteveen